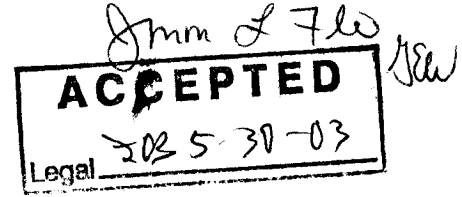


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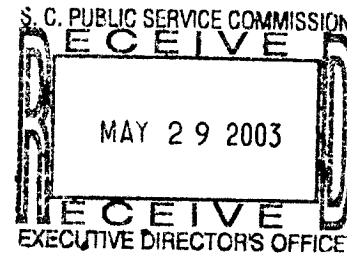


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VIA HAND DELIVERY

The Honorable Gary E. Walsh
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Re: Docket No. 97-239-C: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate
Universal Service Fund

Dear Gary:

I am writing on behalf of ALLTEL South Carolina, Inc. ("ALLTEL") to request an extension of time, until September 1, 2003, to file tariffs associated with the Universal Service Fund. By Order issued May 12, 2003 the Commission granted ALLTEL's previous request for a 30-day extension until June 1, 2003. Subsequently, on May 28, 2003, the Commission granted the South Carolina Telephone Coalition an extension of time until September 1, 2003 to make such filings.

ALLTEL is requesting the additional time to complete the necessary cost studies and evaluate whether it would apply for additional State USF at this time. Further, ALLTEL believes granting this request will enable the Commission to consider all requests for additional USF funding, to the extent any additional funding is requested this year, on the same schedule. Considering all requests for additional USF funding on the same schedule will allow the Commission to utilize its time and resources more efficiently and simplify the implementation process of an Order approving any request for additional USF funding.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

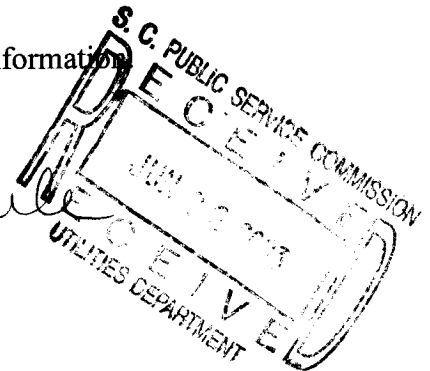
Very truly yours,

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This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing letter to The Honorable Gary E. Walsh, dated May 29, 2003, requesting an extension of time until September 1, 2003, to file tariffs associated with the Universal Service Fund, regarding Docket No. 97-239-C: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for an Intrastate Universal Service Fund, has been served upon the following counsel of record by placing the same in the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following as shown below this 29th day of May, 2003.

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